II. Please Amend claims 1 to 11, 14, and 16 to 18 as set forth below:

(Currently Amended) 1. An Internet system comprising:

5 an electronic-commerce (e-commerce) engine comprising a master server Internet connected to a store manager personal computer (PC) and a an e-commerce customer; and

said master server comprising a redirection means for redirecting a data received from said e-commerce customer to said store manager PC, and redirecting a responding data received from said store manager PC to said e-commerce customer to enable a real-time on-line communication between said e-commerce customer and said store manager PC.

(Currently Amended) 2. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

said e-commerce engine further comprising comprises a Web page processor for providing Web pages to said e-commerce customer and said store manager PC.

(Currently Amended) 3. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

said e-commerce engine further comprising comprises a database for storing <u>a</u> good-or-service catalog for said store manager PC for allowing said e-commerce customer to order said good-or-service from said store manager PC.

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(Currently Amended) 4. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

said e-commerce engine further comprising comprises a shopping cart for temporary storing multiple orders selected by said e-commerce customer for generating a verifying web-page for review and confirmation by said e-commerce customer.

(Currently Amended) 5. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

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said e-commerce engine further comprising comprises a store manager PC registration-and log-in/log-out processor for registering and logging in and out said store manager PC to obtain a dynamic IP address of said store manager PC.

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(Currently Amended) 6. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

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said master server comprising comprises a multiple thread means for redirecting data received from at least two e-commerce customers to at least two store manager personal computers in parallel.

(Currently Amended) 7. A method for generating a virtual-direct interaction between a net-requester for a good-or-service and a direct-resource <u>provider</u> for providing said good-or-service comprising:

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a) instantiating a receiving process for receiving a request from said <u>net-</u>requester for said good-or-service through an Internet system; and

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b) responding to said request received by said receiving process for instantiating a transmission process for transmitting data through said Internet system to said direct-resource provider for providing said good-or-service through said Internet system.

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(Currently Amended) 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:

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c) instantiating a second receiving process for receiving a response from said direct resource <u>provider</u> for providing said good-or-service responding in response to said request; and

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d) <u>receiving and</u> responding to said response <u>sent</u> from said direct resource <u>provider</u> for providing said good or service <u>received by said second receiving process</u> for instantiating a second transmission process for transmitting data to said <u>net-</u>requester for said good-or-service through said Internet system.

(Currently Amended) 9. The method of claim 7 wherein:

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said step a) of instantiating said receiving process comprising further comprises a step of generating a first stream-socket connecting connection of a requester transmission process transmitted from said net-requester to said receiving process instantiated by a master server program; and

said step b) of instantiating said transmission process comprising further comprises a step of a generating a second stream-socket connecting connection of said transmission process with said receiving process instantiated by a said direct-resource program for transmitting data through said Internet system to said direct-resource provider for providing said goods-or-services through said Internet system.

(Currently Amended) 10. The method of claim 8 9 wherein:

said step c) of instantiating said second receiving process comprising further comprises a step of using said second stream-socket connection in step b) for transmitting data received from said direct-resource provider by said second receiving process transmission process transmitted from said direct-resource to said second receiving process instantiated by a master server program; and

said step d) of instantiating said second transmission process comprising further comprises a step of using said first stream-socket connection in step a) for transmitting data to said net-requester through said Internet system.

(Currently Amended) 11. The method of claim 6 7 wherein:

said step a) of instantiating a receiving process for receiving a request from said <u>net</u>-requester for said good-or-service through an Internet system further comprising a step of providing an Internet Web page to enabling said <u>net</u>-requester to enter said request for said goods-or-services.

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(Previously Presented) 12. A method for receiving and responding an electronic commerce message between networked data handling systems comprising:

receiving an electronic-commerce requesting message from a requesting data handling system and generating a virtual-direct interaction by redirecting said electronic commerce requesting message in real time to a networked responding data handling system.

(Previously Presented) 13. The method of claim 12 further comprising:

receiving and redirecting a response for responding to said electronic commerce requesting message from said respondent data handling system to said requesting data handling system for providing said virtual-direct interaction between said requesting data handling system and said respondent data handling system.

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(Currently Amended) 14. A network system for generating a virtual-direct interaction between a net-requester for a good-or-service and a direct-resource <u>provider</u> for providing said good-or-service comprising:

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a process instantiating means for instantiating a receiving process and a transmitting process for receiving and transmitting a request and a response;

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a process connecting means for connecting said transmission process with said receiving process for enabling said net-requester for good-and-service and said direct-resource <u>provider</u> for providing said good-or-service to have a virtual-direct interaction for conducting a real-time interactive communication on said network system.

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(Previously Presented) 15. The network system of claim 14 wherein:

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said process connection means comprising a stream socket connection means for generating steam socket for connecting said transmission process with said receiving process.

(Currently Amended) 16. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

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said redirection means redirecting a data relating to a scheduled-reservation received from said e-commerce customer to said store manager PC to enable a real-time online communication between said e-commerce customer and said store manager PC for making said scheduled-reservation for said e-commerce customer on said store manager PC.

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(Currently Amended) 17. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

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said redirection means redirecting a data relating to a purchase-merchandise received from said e-commerce customer to said store manager PC to enable a real-time online communication between said e-commerce customer and said store manager PC for completing a transaction of said purchase-merchandise for said e-commerce customer.

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(Currently Amended) 18. The Internet system of claim 1 wherein:

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said redirection means redirecting a data relating to a pricedependent purchase proposal of a good-or-service received from said e-commerce customer to said store manager PC to enable a real-time on-line communication between said ecommerce customer and said store manager PC for completing a transaction of said price-dependent purchase proposal of a good-or-service for said e-commerce customer.

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